

passage from said container and a closed position to prevent flow of product through said passage, said valve body constructed of a stiff yet resiliently bendable material and having an ear projecting radially outwardly and received in said slot during use to define a stop member for limiting movement of said valve body within said sleeve between the open and closed positions, said valve body rotatable within said sleeve with said ear configured such that, upon rotation, said ear will act against said guide member to deform said valve body and become disengaged from the slot thereby to allow removal of said valve body from said sleeve upon longitudinal movement of said valve body relative to said sleeve.

5. (Twice amended) The closure of claim 1, wherein said valve body includes a pair of ears disposed on opposite sides of said valve body, and wherein said sleeve includes a pair of guide members defining a pair of oppositely disposed slots each sized to respectively engage one of said ears to define and limit the longitudinal movement of said valve body between said open and closed positions, each of said ears configured to act against a respective said guide member upon rotation of said valve body to deform said valve body and become disengaged from a respective said slot to allow removal of said valve body from said sleeve upon longitudinal movement of said valve body relative to said sleeve.

7. (Once Amended) The closure of claim 1, wherein said cap member further includes a central post extending axially along of said sleeve, and wherein said valve body includes a central cavity and a closed outer end having an aperture therein, said valve body being mountable for longitudinal movement along said post, said post being engaged within said aperture when